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SUBJ: PRELIMINARY PRESS GUIDELINES FOR SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH SAKATA

1. JDA TODAY PROVIDED US ROUGH TRANSLATION OF GUIDELINES DRAFTED FOR MINISTER SAKATA'S USE IN MEETING PRESS IMMEDIATELY AFTER HIS MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY AUGUST 29. JDA ACKNOWLEDGED HURRIED, ROUGH CHARACTER OF TRANSLATION AND FACT IT REPRESENTS ONLY JAPANESE VIEWPOINT. GUIDELINES WOULD NOT BE READ BY SAKATA, BUT WOULD PROVIDE SUBSTANTIVE BASIS FOR HIS INITIAL REPORT TO PUBLIC ON HIS MEETING THE SECRETARY. JDA WOULD WELCOME ANY COMMENTS WE MIGHT WISH TO OFFER BEFORE THE MEETING, AND IS OF COURSE EAGER TO REACT TO IDEAS WHICH MAY DEVELOP IN THE MEETING BETWEEN THE TWO PRINCIPALS, PARTICULARLY ON POINTS BOTH SIDES AGREE SHOULD NOT BE AIRED WITH PRESS.

2. TEXT OF INFORMAL GUIDELINES FOLLOWS:

QTE 1. MR. SAKATA, MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENSE, JAPAN, AND DR. SCHLESINGER, SECRETARY OF DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES, HAD A TALK AT THE DEFENSE AGENCY THIS AFTERNOON.

THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT THE OBJECTIVE OF THIS PARTICULAR TALK IS FOR THE RESPONSIBLE PERSONS FOR DEFENSE OF BOTH JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES TO EXCHANGE VIEWS IN PERSON CONSTANTLY ON THE MATTER
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OF SMOOTH OPERATION OF THE SECURITY ARRANGEMENT, AND TO MAINTAIN

CONTINUED FRANK CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE TWO. LAST YEAR MR. YAMANAKA VISITED THE UNITED STATES AT THE INVITATION OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, AND THIS YEAR THE SECRETARY WAS INVITED TO JAPAN.

2. THE TWO HEADS OF DEFENSE EXCHANGED THEIR VIEWS FREELY AND FRANKLY UPON THE MUTUAL PROBLEMS BOTH COUNTRIES ARE CONCERNED ABOUT. THE SUBSTANCE OF THE CONVERSATION IS AS FOLLOWS:

(A) MILITARY SITUATION IN THE FAR EAST IN POST-INDO-CHINA, AND THE UNITED STATES' STRATEGY TOWARD ASIA

ABOUT THIS TOPIC, FOR THE MOST PART SECRETARY SCHLESINGER EXPRESSED HIS VIEWS ON THE MOVEMENT OF THE ASEAN NATIONS AND THE EVALUATION OF THE UNITED STATES AND HER ASIAN POLICY AS TO THE SITUATION IN THE KOREAN PENINSULA. HE MANIFESTED HIS VIEW THAT JAPAN AND REPUBLIC OF KOREA ARE ESPECIALLY OF GREATER ACCOUNT.

MINISTER SAKATA REFERRED TO THE SIGNIFICANCE AND ROLES THAT THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES IN THE FAR EAST FULFILL FOR THE PEACE OF THAT AREA.

(B) PRESENT SITUATION OF JAPAN'S DEFENSE BUILD UP AND THE FUTURE OF THIS TOPIC, MINISTER SAKATA EXPLAINED ABOUT THE STATE OF PROGRESS OF THE FOURTH BUILD UP PLAN AND ITS PROSPECT FOR ACCOMPLISHMENT,

IN ADDITION TO THE PLAN TO FOLLOW THE FOURTH DEFENSE BUILD UP PLAN.

SECRETARY SCHLESINGER SHOWED A BETTER UNDERSTANDING ON THE UNEASY CIRCUMSTANCES OF JAPAN, INCLUDING HER PRESENT ECONOMIC SITUATION, FOR THE BUILD UP OF THE DEFENSE CAPABILITY OF JAPAN.

3. DEFENSE COOPERATION

MINISTER SAKATA, WHILE EXPLAINING HOW THIS ISSUE HAS BEEN BROUGHT FORWARD, MADE A PROPOSAL OF ESTABLISHING A CERTAIN TYPE OF FORUM WHERE THE MATTERS FOR THE JAPAN-UNITED STATES DEFENSE COOPERATION ARE STUDIED AND CONSULTED. THE SECRETARY AGREED WITH IT. BOTH TOP LEADERS CONCURRED THAT THE MANNER OF THE CONSULTATION AND OTHER MATTERS WILL BE STUDIED AT THE NEXT SECURITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE.

FURTHERMORE, THE TWO PERSONS BASICALLY AGREED THAT THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENSE OF JAPAN AND THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES WILL HAVE A REGULAR MEETING AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR HEREAFTER. UNQUOTE.

3. EMBASSY OFFICER NOTED POSSIBILITY THAT THE SECRETARY'S DISCUSSION MIGHT NOT JIBE WITH SUBSTANCE AS OUTLINED ABOVE ON SEVERAL POINTS; A POSSIBILITY THAT BOTH GOVERNMENTS MAY WISH TO DISCUSS FURTHER NATURE OF AGREEMENT ON DEFENSE COOPERATION; AND REQUIREMENT THAT THE SECRETARY CONCUR IN PUBLIC PROMISE OF ANNUAL MEETINGS AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL.

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